

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/21/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 14-15, 13, 16, 18 (renumbered 1-17, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date 4.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 03022006
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leslie S. Garmaise and Michael Gilman on 3/2/06.

3. The claims have been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus, comprising:

a stored table of information indicative of a plurality of parties to be contacted and within a local community of interest corresponding to a specified set of one or more computers and to which said apparatus can directly route said contact, the stored table including a network address for each party within said local community of interest, and an indicator of which of at least two networks over which said contacted party desires to be contacted;

at least two network interface units, each for interfacing to a separate one of the at least two networks for receiving requests to contact parties; and

a processor for determining if a request, made over ~~[[the]]~~ a packet switched data network of said at least two networks, to contact a party is within said local community of interest, and if so, completing the contact at the address and over the network stored in the table, and if not, sending the contact to a different server over the Internet.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~the two~~ of said networks are the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) and the Internet.

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Claim 11 (currently amended): A method of completing a call from a calling party to a called party, the called party having network address on a packet switched network, the method comprising:

dialing a number and thereby establishing a first connection between the calling party and a first server to request said call over said packet switched network;

transmitting over said first connection an identifier associated with the called party;

determining, from said identifier, whether said called party has a network address that is part of a community associated with said first server, and if so, completing the call by establishing a communications session between said first server and said called party;

if said called party is not part of a community associated with said first server, contacting a second server to determine a third server having a community of which said called party is a part, and

completing the call by establishing a data network connection between said first server and said third server, and between said third server and the called party, wherein one of said servers contains a table that comprises information indicative of which one of at least two networks are to be used to contact the called party.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein ~~one of the servers contains a~~ said table ~~[[that]]~~ includes the identifier, and wherein the network address associated with said identifier in the table may be changed by said called party, and wherein said request remains the same irrespective of changes made to the table.

Claim 17 (canceled).

4. The specification has been amended as follows:

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Page 4, line 2, please change "server 105" to --server 106--.

Page 7, line 3, please change "us" to --is--.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3084.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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